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**MEETING LOG**  
**DIRECTORATE FOR ENGINEERING SCIENCES**

**SUBJECT:** Falls From Swimming Pool Slides and Diving Boards

**PLACE:** Atlantic City, New Jersey

**MEETING DATE:** 1/29/97

**LOG ENTRY SOURCE:** Nick Marchica

**ENTRY DATE:** 2/10/97

**COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Nick Marchica, Directorate for Engineering Sciences

**NON-COMMISSION ATTENDEES:**

Carvin DiGiovanni, National Spa and Pool Institute  
Dave Karmol, National Spa and Pool Institute  
David Roberts, Maryland Department of Health  
Fred Schall, Delair Group LLC  
Bernard Burba, Inter-Fab, Inc.  
Thomas M. Masterson, S.R. Smith, Inc.  
R. Sigler, S.R. Smith, Inc.  
Michael Hagerty, Inter-Fab, Inc.  
Kevan Langner, General Aquatics, Inc.  
Tom Saldarelli, KDI Paragon Inc.  
Robert Weiner, Weiner and Associates  
Robert MacKinnon, Triac Ind. Inc.  
Rick Hawkshaw, Triac Ind. Inc.  
Elissa Pollack, AQUA Magazine

**MEETING SUMMARY:**

Carvin DiGiovanni, National Spa and Pool Institute, chaired the meeting. Nick Marchica summarized the information that CPSC provided at the December 19, 1996 meeting.

The attendees discussed information that they had obtained on the use of resilient surfaces in the Chicago area. The consensus of the attendees was that more injury information is needed to better define what is happening. Nick Marchica requested that the group develop a list of questions that CPSC investigators could ask when they conduct in-depth injury investigations. Michael Hagerty will chair a group that will provide the list. Nick Marchica will provide a list of questions that CPSC provides investigators.

Thomas Masterson discussed the need to provide training to lifeguards and pool operators. Tom Saldarelli suggested the American Red Cross would be an organization to discuss this with. David Roberts said that Ellis and Associates is a consultant that conducts training.

Nick Marchica asked the group if they thought that changes were needed for the CPSC safety standard for swimming pool slides

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(16 CFR Part 1207). Robert Weiner discussed the background of the CPSC safety standard and said that he was not aware of any swimming pool slide injuries which resulted in quadriplegia since the safety standard went into effect. It was the consensus of the group that no changes were needed to the CPSC safety standard.

David Roberts discussed a class of slides that are different from the slides addressed by the CPSC safety standard. Robert Weiner said these slides are addressed by the World Waterpark standards and the Center for Disease Control (CDC) standards. Carvin DiGiovanni said the ANSI/NSPI-I standard is broadening its scope and could reference the World Waterpark and CDC standards.

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